(c) and (d) The estimated cost for the development of 35 Non-Metro airports is about Rs. 5000 crores. The modernization process of these 35 Non-Metro airports is expected to be completed by March, 2010.

(e) Three airports namely, Aurangabad, Nagpur and Pune, taken up for modernization, are in Maharashtra.

Acquisiton of stake in airports by Air India

*129. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India is considering to acquire a stake in airports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Floods in Bihar

†*130. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the situation of floods in different rivers in Bihar this year till date and the losses suffered due to it;

(b) the preparations made for safety and protection from flood and the amount incurred thereon; and

(c) the view of Government for permanent solution from flood in Bihar and the amount estimated to be incurred thereon along with the time period fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) During the monsoon season of 2007, the rivers namely, Adhwara Group, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Gandak, Ganga, Ghaghra, Kamla Balan, Kosi, Mahananda and Punpun crossed the danger level at different places and inundated 21 districts in Bihar. Details of the rivers crossing the danger levelt as reported by Central Water Commission are given in the Statement (*See* below).

Central Water Commission has a network of 32 flood forecasting stations in Bihar to monitor the flood situation and issue flood forecast to State Government/Local Administration to take necessary measures for flood management and relief works.

As per the provisional estimates of Ministry of Home Affairst there has been a loss of the order of Rs 315.70 crore due to recent floods in Bihar and 247 persons have lost their lives.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.